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To whom it may concern,

Please consider the following feedback on the proposed Policy N32 LAND AT RATTINGTON STREET - CHARTHAM

Why are we considering building new homes in our village when, according to the Government's own figures, published via the Government's 615 table: Vacant dwellings by local authority district, there are 903 empty homes in the Canterbury District. These figures are published annually by Government, and is publicly available. These properties already exist, the environmental impact already paid for and the infrastructure already laid out. If Canterbury City Council are really interested in fixing our housing crisis then surely, this should be a first step towards fixing the issue. With no need for destruction of our precious farm land, resource centres or parks.

I also think it is so shortsighted to remove precious social resources like Thanington and Spring Lane resource centres. These community hubs provide so much vital support for local residents, in some of the poorest areas of our city. Removing such places means people have less help and this translates into the likelihood of more problems in the future. Early intervention is always the best solution but this becomes harder if you remove these resource centres and places for young people and young families to use for support and positive recreation.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Davies

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